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ANSWER

TO

Dr. TURNER'S LETTER
to Dr. JURIN,

On the SUBJECT of

Mr. WARD'S DROP and PILL.

WHEREIN

His Ignorance of CHYMICAL PHARMACY is
fairly Exposed;

AS ALSO

His injurious Treatment of Mr. WARD, and his
indecent Reflections upon My Lord Chief Justice,
Baron *Reynolds's* Account of a remarkable Cure, by
Mr. *Ward's* Medicines, are justly Censured.

WITH A

Method proposed, to prepare Medicines from *Mercury*
and *Antimony*, whereby they may be Administred *safely* and
efficaciously, in the Cure of the most obdurate and deplorable
Distempers.

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Dr. *TURNER*'s L E T T E R
to Doctor *JURIN*, concerning
Mr. *Ward*'s D R O P and P I L L.

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ACCORDING to my Promise,
I send you a farther Account of
the Fate of Mr. *Ward*'s Pill and
Drop, and the Treatment they have
met with from the Press.

'Tis no wonder these Medicines
are attack'd on all Sides, considering the *extra-
ordinary Success* they have been attended with,
and the deserved *Reputation* they have gained.

In Print, they have been favoured with the
Notice of the *Grubstreet* People, the *Daily Courant*,
and now honoured and considered by a *Licentiate*
of the *College of Physicians*; who very wisely, as
well as safely, observes, " That the Conjectures page 2.
" about the Drop and Pill are various, as the

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" divers Judgments and Opinions of the Con-
 " jecturers have diversly led them." Divers Judg-
 ments diversly led them! No wonder, since
 none of them have known any thing of the Mat-
 ter; for had they all known the Composition,
 they would all have agreed upon a Certainty.

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 Ibid.

This, as it is a masterly Stroke, gives one an
 high Opinion of the *Genius* and *Conduct* of the
 Author; as the Preliminary is a comfortable
Salvo for any Suggestion he shall be pleas'd to
 offer hereafter. But as I am terribly afraid of
 his Lash, tho' he says he *is an old Man*, I must
 be a little cautious too; for, whether *learned* or
unlearned, I may be numbred among the *Profligate*
 and *Petulant*, the *Malicious* and *Ill-natur'd*; and
 'tis very well known I hate to be in bad Com-
 pany.

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Then he proceeds: " Some (with this grave
 " Parenthesis in *Italic*, *surely without Reason*) have
 " surmized the same, that is, the Drop and the
 " Pill to be *Mercurial*: YET, among the Hun-
 " dreds daily taking them, not one Instance can
 " be given of a sore Mouth or Tongue, much
 " less Salivation, which must at some Time have
 " *inevitably* fallen out, if the Basis was *Mercurial*."
 Thus his Particle *Yet* has demolished his Paren-
 thesis, which the Particle *For* would have pre-
 served intire.

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But I should not have insisted upon the Pro-
 priety of his Style, nor his Accuracy in Spelling,
 especially as he writes not Doctor; unwilling to
 be deem'd an *idle Caviller*, or an *evil-minded Man*,
 had not he taken an unwarrantable Liberty with
 Mr. *Ward*; and I think a very indecent one with
 the *Lord Chief Baron Reynold's* Account of the Cure
 of his Paralytick Maid: Upon which Treatment,
 if he can find a well-grounded Peace in his own
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Breast, let the Censures of Men be what they will, I think he may even smile at himself, and utterly disdain all Concern at the Sentiments of others. However, as to his Assertion, that Salvation must *inevitably* have fallen out to some one among the Hundreds daily taking the *Drop* and *Pill*, were the Basis *Mercurial*, I could convince him, that there is a Medicine in being, whose Basis is *Mercurial*, the Dose but gr. iij. that has not in the Course of fifty Years been attended with any such Consequence to one of a thousand, who have taken it. But more of this hereafter.

Upon Inquiry, I am afraid I shall find his Knowledge of *Mercurials* equal to that of *Antimonials*. He says, Others more rightly conclude^{P. 2.} these Medicines *Antimonial*. Very happy in their Conclusions truly, while honoured with the *Considerer's* Approbation! In Pursuit of this, he endeavours to run an Analogy between the *Pill* and several *Lixivial Sulphurs* of *Antimony*, which he has transcrib'd from *Dispensatories* and *Chymical Writers*; such as *Hartman*, *Beguinus*, *Lemery* and *Wilson*, with some quaint Remarks upon *Lockyer's Pill* and *Russel's Powder*; by the help of which he very cleverly gets over four or five Pages: But I shall soon overtake him.

He first instances the *Kermes Mineralis* in the *French Dispensatory*. After having got through the mighty Process, he remarks, "This *Precipitate*, " which I have seen prepar'd (which any old Woman may prepare in her Buck-Tub) comes forth " of a deeper Red than Mr. *Ward's*; NOR will it " operate in so small a Quantity as his Pill." This is only to let you know that he has seen this *Precipitate* prepar'd, and that Mr. *Ward's* is a paler *Pill*, and less in Dose. What the NOR has to do here, I can't divine.

Without troubling you, SIR, any farther with what he has borrowed from the above-cited *Authors*, I shall think it sufficient to assure you, that the true *Essential Sulphur* of *Antimony*, or of any of the *Metals*, cannot be gain'd by any *Lixive* whatever; that there is no way of eliciting it but from the *Antimony*, or from the *Metal per se*, and that by *Fire*: That when it is regularly separated, it is infinitely safer in its Effects, and of more general Use in Medicine, than any one Preparation hitherto exhibited in our Dispensatories: That 'tis only the Addition of the *respective Salts* in the *Lixivium*, that communicate the extraordinary Emetic Virtue; and, consequently, that some Attention must be given to the correcting the Acrimony thus imparted. This may be done, and the *Medicine* considerably improved.

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This last Method, very likely, would better suit the Humour of our *considerate Author*, who you observe is averse to all *Tortures*, but that of *Ward's Pill*, or the *Press*; especially *Torture* by *Fire*, which I assure him is absolutely necessary to the perfecting any *Metalline Preparation* for considerable Service in the Practice of Physic, and which *Antimony* as well as the *Metals* must undergo. I wonder how a Person of his Humanity can administer any of the *Tortur'd Mercurials* without Reluctance, when he must know what Agony the poor Creatures must go through.

Well; but he softens a little, *p. 5.* thus: " Now
 " whether these *Flowers* of *Antimony* thus rais'd
 " (tortur'd) by *Fire*, or any of the *Precipitates* of
 " the same Colour here observed (as by some has
 " been thought, fine Diction!) be the *Composition* of
 " *Mr. Ward's Pill*, is less *material* to our Purpose,"
 &c. Less material than what? He has then been
 amusing us with Sounds only all this while! No;
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he immediately bounds from his Sink very fiercely:
 “ Although, to deal plainly, says he, when I
 “ consider the strange Ravage it makes among
 “ the solid, as well as fluid Parts of the Body,
 “ in so small a Quantity of one Grain Weight,
 “ as much (that is, as much Ravage or Torture)
 “ as the Glass it self, or *Crocus* would do, I have
 “ been ready to apprehend it rather a *Precipitate*,
 “ like the *Algarot*, though of a different Colour
 “ from the same Caustic Oil, or Butter of An-
 “ timony; which, if fit to be countenanced, or
 “ to have a Sanction from any one in regular
 “ Practice, I leave all such, with your self, to
 “ determine.” Thus you see he has work’d him-
 self into the Temper of an Inquisitor, or rather
 of an Inquisitor’s Sollicitor.

But before he comes to his Charge, he begs
 leave to open about Mr. *Lockyer* and Mr. *Russel*,
 to prepare the Court for what follows. As to
 the latter, it seems there was another of this Name
 about fifty or sixty Years since, who got a Pre-
 paration of Antimony like that of Mr. *Ward*’s,
 if not the same, from an Operator with Mr. *Boyle*,
 which he call’d his *Panacea*, or *Golden Sulphur* of^{P. 6.}
Antimony, a famous Medicine. It happened that
 he, a Boy then, going often to the Doctor’s House
 as his Patient, sharply espied a Black bringing
 some red Powder, which the Doctor formed into
 very small Pills, Pills of the *Bigness* of large Pins
 Heads (well said, old Boy!) which resembled
 both in Bulk and Colour these of our new *Æscu-*
lapius. Ay, that must be Mr. *Ward* certainly.
 It seems too the Poor were supplied with them
gratis, through the Goodness of his Lady; and
 they work’d upwards and downwards, but *roughly*.
 Well, what became of them? Why, truly they
 did not survive his Neighbour the Doctor; but
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through some fatal Accidents, like these of Mr. *Ward's*, were soon blasted. Here it is! The Pills were like Mr. *Ward's*; if not the same, like these of Mr. *Ward's*, they survived not the Author, but were soon blasted. I did not think he would have made it out so well, since Mr. *Ward* is alive, and his Pill in high Repute.

What became now of the true Doctor *Russel*, for the other had been a Mountebank *Itinerant*? He, just in Favour to him, allows that his Medicine kept its Fame somewhat longer; and that it was in much Esteem with some Midwives, as a Specific to forward Child-birth, but gradually declined for the same Cause, and is now in a manner lost.

Here I must be very grave, because these Articles call for a serious Regard. To recur to p. 4. he gives a *Panacea* of *Antimony* prepared from the *Capital Lees*, from *Wilson*, who observed this Process was us'd as a *Succedaneum* to that [*Panacea*] which went formerly under the Name of *Russel's Powder*. Now as the *Considerer* has nowhere offer'd to give the Process of that *Powder*, and specifies but one Property on its Behalf, I am necessarily induc'd to believe that he is utterly ignorant of the *Preparation*, and consequently of the *Virtues* and *Uses* of that excellent Medicine. For, were he in the least Degree acquainted with it, I am persuaded he would have been far from putting Mr. *Ward's Pill* into Competition with it. But he has expressly done it. I am able to prove that he has really done Mr. *Ward's Medicine* as much Honour, as possibly he could design it Disgrace.

This *Powder* thus condemn'd, with Mr. *Ward's Pill*, by our learned *Licentiate*, is not perfected, but by an elaborate Preparation. The *Antimony* must

must be judiciously pick'd, and duly prepar'd for the Process: Then it must sustain the *Torture*, not only of *Fire*, but of *Water* too, and that in a State of *Fusion*, which must infallibly subject it to a State of *Tonitration*, and then of *Granulation*; and, after all, separated from its own *Soul* by strong *Concussions*, and repeated *Ablutions*. All this without any *Medium* in the World, to effect this Divorce, but *Fire* and *Water*. Terrible *Torture* indeed! Had the *Considerer* ever seen this *Process*, he would never have plum'd himself upon seeing the *Mineral Kermes* prepar'd, p. 2. or his exhibiting his *Crude Antimony* with *Gum. Guaic.* and a small Draught of *Bates's Simple Aq. Benedicta*, p. 12. But to return. This *Powder*, tho' I don't allow it, or any other *Preparation*, to be a *Panacea*, is properly of general Use. 'Tis not only a *Specific* in the Case before noted, but in all *Womens* Cases properly so distinguished, whether Child-bed or Child-bearing Cases, or not. 'Tis specifically potent in the *Dropsy* and *Jaundice*, *Small Pox*, and all *Malignant Fevers*, given by Half a Drachm at a Time, or a Scruple; sometimes Morning and Night, sometimes every four or six Hours. And when 'tis by *Philosophic Art* reduced to a Dose of gr. iij. it is eminently serviceable in the Cure of *Palsies*, all *nervous Disorders*, *Scrophulous*, and even *Cancerous Cases*. The last of which *Dr. Coatsworth* was an Eye-witness of, some Years since, upon a Lady in *Charter-House Square*, who had an Ulcer in *Utero*, and that adjudged *Cancerous*. This never disturbs the Stomach but in a Morning, and that only when Part of the morbid Matter is derived to it. 'Tis properly an *Alterative*, having no determinate Operation, or sensible, but gentle Transpiration. This I am far from offering as the *Basis* of *Mr. Ward's Pill*; but produce it only
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to prove that Medicines may be prepared from *Antimony* only, given in a very small Dose of one, two, or three Grains; yet safely and successfully, and that in the most deplorable Cases imaginable. Now let him tell me what *Salts* and *Sulphur*, he so wisely talks of, p. 14. and elsewhere, want to be blunted in the Use of this *Medicine*.

If such a *Medicine* as this be in any Degree lost, 'tis so far a Loss to the *Faculty* of *Physic* and diseasy Mortals; and notwithstanding he says 'tis so for the same Cause as the other Doctor *Russel's Powder* and Mr. *Ward's Pill*, that is, through some fatal Accident, it is *gratis dictum*; and I am ready to submit it to the Censure of the *President*, or any Gentleman of the *College of Physicians*, who is not averse to *Tortures* by Fire.

But to come nearer Mr. *Ward's Pill*. The *Considerer*, at the End of his Postscript, p. 37. tenders you the Composition of the *Pill* and *Drop*, as reported to be communicated by the *French King's Physician*; the Original of it he hears being with that truly worthy Gentleman Dr. P——t.

Before I take strict Notice of it, I shall observe that *Tartar* is an absolute Corrector of the Exorbitances of the *Salts* and *Sulphur* in all Preparations, whether from *Vegetables* or *Minerals*. *Scammony* and *Coloquintida* are in themselves very churlish *Purges*; yet if the Powders of them finely sifted and fierc'd, be humected by Spirit of Wine duly prepar'd with the *volatil Salt* of *Tartar*, they constitute a Purge safe to all Constitutions wherein Purging is necessary, and yet brisk enough in their Operation to discharge *virulent* and *dropfical* Humours.

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“ The *Cortex*, or *Jesuit's Bark*, which (as he asserts of *Antimonial Preparations*) will do as much
 “ Good and as much *Mischief* also as Mr. *Ward's*
 “ *Pill*,

“ *Pill*, when directed by ignorant Persons, and “ taken by the like, at all Adventures”; that is, given and taken *uncorrected*, or improperly mix’d, may by a Proportion of the *Tartariz’d Spirit of Wine* pour’d on it, grossly pulveriz’d and digest-ed two or three Days, be form’d into a noble Tincture; a small Spoonful of which, given in a proper Vehicle, at the same Distances the Powder is given in form of Bole or Draught, will effectually answer the Intention of an *Antifebrile* in *Intermittents*, unattended with those fatal Consequences, that Persons who take much of the Powder have been subjected to; 14 out of 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ after the Preparation being thrown upon the Dunghil, as poisonous. Dr. *Thomas Willis*, in his Tract of Fevers, has given us the Analysis of this Bark, the Principles of which, as they lie in the Compages, he proves to be pernicious to human Bodies. He therefore proposes the correcting or separating them by proper *Mediums*, and this, I have hinted, was applied and used with unenvied Applause, but gradually declined too, and is now in a manner lost.

There is another Medicine almost drop’d into Disuse too, and that is *Tartarum Emeticum*, which by some is accounted too smart a Vomit, but for what Reason I cannot conceive. It was much in vogue till the *Radix Ipecacuanna* obtained. The first *Emetic*, though prepared from so fierce an Assaultant as the *Crocus Metallorum*, is so corrected by the *Chrystals* of *Tartar*, that in most Cases a gentler Vomit would be insignificant. The use of the Root before-mentioned is as ineffectual in many Cases, as very strong Vomits are hurtful in others. Where the *Peccant Matter* resides chiefly in the *Primæ Viæ*, or the *Intestines*, the Root, tho’ assisted with the *Carduus* Decoction, doth not contract

powerfully enough to make the Stomach, the Viscera or the Glands, discharge their several Contents. You will see but very little *Ropy Phlegm*, or *Glutinous Foulness*, especially heavy yellow *Choler*, evacuated by the taking these *impotent Emetics*, which generally render the Patient sick, and deprive him of his Liberty, to no manner of Purpose. In most *intermittent Fevers*, the giving a brisk Vomit, if the Patient's Strength admit of it, is absolutely necessary. It is plain from the *spontaneous Discharge of Choler*, that generally attends the Access of a *Paroxysm*, or Fit of an *Ague*, or *Intermittent Fever*, that the Distemper chiefly arises from a Turgescency, or overflowing of that Humour in the *Choledochæ Vessels*, so called because they receive the *Choler*. What then can more plainly indicate the *Necessity* of administering a Vomit (at that very time) powerful enough to excite a general Contraction of the *Visera*, for the thorough Discharge of this *Choler*? I say at the *coming on* of the Fit, or a *little before* 'tis expected; for when all is over, the Humours *subside* again, and cannot be *separated* without greater Difficulty. As to the Stomach, this Medicine is so far from *torturing* it in the Operation, that it manifestly assists it in the Discharge of the Distemper, which is apparent from a Debility and Faintness the Patients find after these involuntary, hard Reachings, far superior to those caus'd by designed *Emetics*. This Way I take to be a *Radical Cure*, since the very Essence of the Disease is exterminated the Body; and I am fully perswaded, that two Vomits thus administered, would without the Help of the *Bark*, cure any *Quartan Intermittent*, which, of all the *Intermittents*, is the most difficult of Cure.

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By the way, there is no Necessity, as the *Considerer* pleads, of blunting the *Salts* of these *Antimonial Emetics* by the Interposition of Broths. I ever found that the Use of the Bread-Water, that is, boiling a Crust of Bread in three or four Pints of Spring-Water, then strained, and drinking half a Pint of it every Time it works, has sufficiently assisted the Stomach in its Office, and conducted the Patient through the whole with Ease and Safety.

Now the *Palliative Cure*, which is only the binding or damming up, as it were, the *Choledochæ Vessels* with the *Cortex*, is not only a fallacious Method, as the Distemper oftner returns than retires; but through the too long and frequent insisting upon the *Bark*, a pernicious one too, especially to the tender Sex, on whom it has been productive of innumerable Evils, such as violent *Head-Achs*, *Pleurisies*, *Tremblings*, *Palsies*, and other *Nervous Disorders*, consequent to *Restrictants*, so unnatural and obstinate, that no Medicine has been able to conquer them, not even *Ward's Pill*, had we not my Lord Chief Baron Reynold's Authority for it. Surely every fair Man will judge Mr. *Ward* very ill treated, when his *Pill*, that has rescued a young Woman, brought to the very Jaws of Death by the *Ignorance* or *Blunders* of others, shall be added to the Catalogue of *Poisons*.

But to leave that for the present, I have made it appear, and can do so by as many Instances as will more than fill the Remainder of these Sheets, that *Tartar*, rightly prepared and proportionately applied, is the proper *Corrector* of *Antimony*, that is, of all the most violent Preparations of it; and supposing that to be Mr. *Ward's Medicine*, as described by the *Considerer* of it, I have no Objection to the Ingredients. As to the proportion-

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ing them, and the manner of uniting them, it must be left to those who are thoroughly conversant in *that Branch of Pharmacy*. Our *Licentiate* has done this Process more Honour still, from the Opinion of *Lemery*, who speaking of the Administration of *Antimonial Vomits*, advises Broth, in which some *Cream of Tartar* has been dissolved. The Reason is, that the *Antimony* may be so fixed by the *Tartar*, as with it to be precipitated by Stool. Now if there be due Care taken in the Preparation to answer such an Intention, I think it fully vindicates, if not commends, Mr. Ward's supposed Pill.

But I must beg our *learned Considerer* to reflect again upon what he advanced, p. 2. of the *supposed Composition* of this Pill, which was, "That if the Basis of it were *Mercurial*, a sore Mouth, or Tongue, or Salivation must inevitably have fallen out; but not one Instance can be given from Hundreds daily taking them." Now what Class would he place the *Butter of Antimony* in? Among the *Antimonials*, because 'tis called *Butter of Antimony*? No sure. I say its Station is with the *Mercurials*, since there are in the Process two Parts of *Mercury* to one of *Antimony*. I would also have him consider, that from this *Mercurial*, one of the noblest *Diaphoretics* in *Physic* is extracted, I mean the *Mineral Bezoar*, which has scarcely its equal in *inflammatory Fevers*, and is almost infallible in an *Erysipelas*, or *St. Anthony's Fire*; though I never heard it cured by *Salivation*, or *tortur'd* the Mouth, or Tongue, or Throat, or Glands. But this *Specific* is now declined, and in a manner lost to *Practice*, though never once attended with *fatal Accidents*.

This leads me to give the *Considerer* some Account of a *Medicine*, whose Basis is absolutely
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Mercurial, whose Dose is but gr. ij. or iij. never vomits, and yet has not *salivated* one in a Thousand.

Revive what Quantity you please of *Mercury* from *Cinabar*, with its equal Weight of *Filings* of *Mars*, and distilling the *Mercury* into cold Water, dry the *Mercury* well; then strain it two or three times through Shammy Leather; then grind it well in a clean Glass Mortar with Salt and Vinegar; repeat this Grinding two or three times; then dry the *Mercury*. Take the *Mercury* so purify'd and dry'd, and dissolve it in as much *Spirit of Nitre* as will dissolve it. Distil it to Driness. The *Mercury* will remain in the Bottom of the Retort, with the most fixed Part of the *Nitre*, in form of a Salt. Weigh the *Mercury*, and grind it with its equal Weight of *Vitriol* calcin'd to Whiteness, and as much *decrepitated Salt*. Put it into a Bolt Head, and sublime. When your Sublimation is over, separate and grind it with its Weight of *Vitriol* calcin'd to Redness, and half as much *decrepitated Salt*, and sublime a second time. The *Mercury* will be in a *Chrystalline* Form. This you must repeat with fresh *Vitriol* calcin'd to Redness, till you have sublim'd it seven times. The eighth time grind and sublime it alone.

Take ℥ 1. of this *Sublimate*, and ʒ 8. of *Regulus of Antimony*; powder them and grind them well together. Distil off the *Butter of Antimony* in Sand by a Retort, after which the *Mercury* will come over very splendid; separate it from the *Butter*; wash, dry, and strain it two or three times through Shammy Leather.

The *Mercury* thus prepared may be given in all Cases, with as much Safety as an equal Quantity of white Bread. The Objection, that, when given Crude, it abounds in *deleterious, arsenical* Particles,

cles, is here removed, by an absolute Depuration of it from any of those Miasmas or Taints. As to the other Objections, that if it meets with any Obstruction in its Passage through any of the Vessels it must pass, and its accidental meeting with a saline Ferment in the Bowels, and there turning into a Sublimate, notwithstanding all the Depurations whatever, they are so ridiculous in themselves, as well as contrary to Philosophic Principles, and Experience it self, that they meet with Neglect only from all Men in their Senses.

But as others insist upon a *fix'd* Preparation of it, I still torture the Rascal by Fire about twenty times more, then commit him to *Balneum Mariae* a Month for Digestion, then distil from a Retort on a Sand Furnace, and find the *quondam* Rover at the Bottom, in a very quiescent State, sedate and easy.

This Medicine, I say, though strictly *Mercurial*, works only by gentle Stool, seldom above two, and Urine, and in the Night by Sweat, *gr. iij.* being given going to Bed. It never salivates. This Preparation effectually exposes the Ignorance of those who assert, That the frequent Sublimation of *Mercury* deprives it of its *purgative* Quality; whereas you see the contrary is evident here, for *gr. iij.* of this Medicine will purge as much as twenty of the *Calomel*.

Hence also it appears, that our *Considerer* has not examined Mr. *Ward's Pill* upon a just Basis, since nothing certain can be concluded from his *Postulatum*. I can further assure him that I have known a Medicine, purely *antimonial*, excite a Salivation. These Things are to be accounted for. 'Tis contracted to conclude, that these Things are not so in Nature, because they're not in our Knowledge. I am fully perswaded, that the
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worthy Gentleman to whom he has address'd his Epistle, can give him intire Satisfaction in this as well as any other *Physical* Point he may not rightly understand.

I come now to the *Cautions* which our *Considerer* has laid down, in Compassion to Mr. *Ward*, and all Adventurers on his unlucky *Pill* and *Drop*.

First then he would (*ex Cathedra*) advise all Hy-P. 13. *sterical* and *Hypochondriacal* People, &c. to be careful how they engage with them, &c. He's much in the right here, for these *Medicines*, whether they kill'd or cur'd such Patients, would deprive the *Faculty* of a very considerable Branch of Practice, for which Mr. *Ward* would never be forgiven. If, upon various Pretences, the Bark is given to confirm the Obstructions of these unhappy Sufferers, or ill-prepared Opiates to lock up their Vessels or congeal their Blood, and so render all *Emetics* ineffectual to the Cure of the original Disorder, 'tis but *Regular*, because it makes room for Business.

The second Caution is to the "*Heſtical* or *Consumptive*, under any *inflammatory* State of the Blood, whose Vessels are tender, and the same apt (that is, the same Blood) to break its *In-closures*."

All the World knows that this is an absolute Objection to all Vomits of any Degree whatever, and therefore can affect *these* Medicines no more than any other, be they more or less violent in their Operation than he pretends to make them. He instances one, " who was seiz'd the Night following the taking one of these Pills with the Vomiting up a large Quantity of Blood, to which he is still liable between whiles, and which he has cause to believe, will be, at long run, fatal." And can he give, so old a Gentleman as he

he is, but one Instance of Persons falling into profuse *Hæmorrhagies* (which he learnedly calls *Hæmorrhages*, I suppose, because 'tis founded so) or Bleedings from the Nose and else where, from the taking other Vomits. Again ; “ for the same Reason, says he, no Person whatever, with an “ overbearing Heat therein, or Fullness of the “ Vessels ” (you see he makes nothing of putting the Relative before the Antecedent, like the rest of his Accuracies, “ should enter upon this “ Course, before they have emptied them by free “ and repeated Bleeding.” One would think from this Branch of the *Caution*, that he was a *professed Surgeon*, and chiefly depended upon *Phlebotomy*, in which, as well as in too many other Instances, he discovers an *overbearing Heat*, I must confess. In the mean time, I must in my Turn commiserate the poor Patients, who are to go through these profuse and repeated bloody Exhaustions.

To his third *Caution* the Reply is as just as to his Second ; since none in their Senses offer any Vomits to Persons under Ruptures, of any Sort or Degree whatsoever.

The fourth *Caution* relates to *Dram-Drinkers*, and *Whetters*, or *Bottlers a Nights*. I like this familiar Address. As to most of these, I think an *Emetic* more absolutely necessary, than to Persons of an abstemious Life ; since the Stomach and the Intestines must be presumed to be filled with a proportionate Excess of indigested, stubborn Humours. The Objection to the Rottenness of the *Viscera*, equally concerns *Small Beer* or *Water Drinkers*, or *Lucubrators* with the above-nam'd, consequently other Dispensers of Vomits, equally with Mr. Ward.

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By the fifth *Caution* he very near excludes all *Emetics*, for neither those who are hard to vomit, nor those who easily vomit, are to meddle with them, "for fear of being overset". 'Tis very odd the last should be *caution'd*, because I think a less Dose will do with them than the former; besides that, I take it to be no small Advantage in a Constitution. His grounding his *Caution* in the Adhesion of the *Sulphur* of the *Antimony* to the tender Coats of the Stomach, thereby continually stimulating it to Excretion, is a gross Mistake: For the *Stimulus* is not caus'd by the *Sulphur* of the *Antimony*, but by the *nitrous*, or *vitriolic*, or *alcalious* Salts, that most of them are *impregnated* with in their *Preparations*: For the true *essential* *Sulphur* of *Antimony* very rarely excites Vomiting, and when it does, it executes it as gently as the mildest *Emetic* in Practice. The same I can assure him of the *genuine* *Sulphur* of all Metals, which in the general are very powerful *Alteratives*, but very friendly *Emetics*; and that the *Sulphur* of *Antimony* is as moderate an *Emetic* as that of *Jupiter*. I was willing to set him to rights in this Point, both because I have often prepared the *Sulphur* with my own Hands, and oftner seen the happy *Medical* Effects of them, and that, to the great *Reproach* of *Physic*, the *Vertue* of them is little understood. Remember what I said of *Cancers*. I suppose, by adding *Salt* to the *Sulphur* afterwards, he intended the *Lixivial* *Sulphur*, which I look upon as a silly, jejune *Preparation*.

His last *Caution* affects Mr. *Ward's* Pill no more than the rest. For weak Persons and Children are to be treated as such, under *all* Circumstances; and in favour of Mr. *Ward*, I can assure him, that I know of an *Antimonial* Vomit, that

may as safely be given to Women with Child, and to Children at the Breast, as their daily Food.

But I beg leave, in my Turn, to put in a *Caution* that concerns *all* Physicians, and that is, an *Idiosyncrasy*, or a peculiar Kind of Texture or Constitution, that your *Delicatulae*, or *Ladies* of a tender Make are finished with; whose Disorders, though common to others, will not yield to the *ordinary Medicines* or *Methods* of Cure. I think it worth the *Considerer's* while to attend to a remarkable Instance of it.

A married Lady of a delicate Composition, of rare Endowments both of Body and Mind, aged about Twenty four, had been some time afflicted with certain Symptoms of the *Venereal Distemper* before she knew any thing of it. Upon her Father's coming to Town, who was an ingenious Country-Surgeon, she communicated her Complaints to him, who soon discovered the *Cause* of them. He undertook the Cure of her himself, with such a *Mercurial Medicine* as I just now describ'd. This Medicine never fail'd him before, in the Cure of the most aggravated *Lues Venerea*, *King's Evil*, and even *Elephantiasis* or *Lepra Gracorum*, but made no manner of Progress in the Cure of his unhappy Daughter. Surpriz'd at this, he applied to a *Surgeon* in *Devonshire-Square*, very near her House, a Gentleman of a very fair Character in *that* Profession; he undertook her, and treated her, as I was told, with *Cinabarine Fumigations*, and his grand Medicine, as they called it, but all to no Purpose: Nay, she was in so terrible a Condition, when her Father carried me to her, that I declined concerning my self in her Cure. Her Throat was in a miserable Condition, and she was so tortured with

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Pains in her Head, Arms and Shin-Bones, that she could have no Rest without the use of *Opiates*. This last Article discouraged my attempting her Relief more than the rest, notwithstanding her Strength was so reduced, and her Body so emaciated, that she could not turn, nor be turned in her Bed (to which she had been some time confined) without Pain and Cries inexpressible. However, through the Importunity of her Father and Mother, I engag'd to visit her daily. This was May 21, 1722.

The first Thing I insisted on was, her turning off her favourite *Laudanum*, which with some Reluctancy she submitted to. [However I now and then indulg'd her with a *Succedaneum* to it, which was a Pill improv'd upon Dr. Starkey's, call'd *Pillula Balsamica*.] Concluding from the Disappointments that her Father and Neighbour had met with, that no *Mercurials* would avail, I was resolv'd to try the *Antimonial* I mentioned in the Cure of a *Cancer*. I first prepared her with a gentle Dose of *Sal Solutivum cum Sulphure Veneris*, which is an Improvement upon *Glauber's Sal Mirabile*. This agreed so well with her, that in less than a Week's time her Pains were mitigated to such a Degree, that she could sleep very well without the *Anodyne* I allowed her. Thus encouraged, I had recourse to the *Sulphur of Antimony*, of which I gave her *gr. iij* every Morning and Night, in a suitable Cordial. In less than a Fortnight's time she could not only turn her self in her Bed, but could turn out of it, and dress her self, and began to find some Appetite to eat. In a Week more her Pains were quite vanish'd; and in six Weeks time her Flesh and Strength were so recovered, that I ordered her a Lodging at *Hampstead*. Here she improv'd so

fast in Strength and Vigour (for she was naturally very chearful and active) that in a Fortnight's time she could walk to *London* with Pleasure. She continued on this hopeful Way till the Fall of the Leaf, when the old Symptom of the sore Throat revisited her; upon which she fell to her *Medicine* again, and continued it till the *February* following, when a fatal Shock, that attended the whole Family, disabled her from proceeding any farther; and some time after she died, as I verily believe, for want of Necessaries, to my very great Disappointment and Concern for her Loss.

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I expect upon this *Narrative* to be treated as Mr. *Ward*, by being told, that this *Medicine* is good for nothing, nay poisonous, "because the old Leaven fermented afresh, the Disease repullulated, sprouted anew, and perhaps rag'd more than before, and at length put an End to a miserable Life." But let me tell him, this is a very *ungenerous* Way of treating Mankind, and that he has been far from using Mr. *Ward* in a Gentleman-like Manner on this Occasion. Nothing is more common, and indeed unavoidable, than a Return of Distempers (with their Symptoms) that have been inveterate and stubborn; besides, that few are so fond of *Medicines*, as to continue them one Day after they believe they are cur'd, or out of Danger; the Continuance of which for some time afterwards, would probably prevent most of the *Relapses* complained of. How would this *Licentiate*, or any Surgeon, take it, should another licentiously reproach them for such an Accident? I can point a Case to him, of no long Standing, wherein a Surgeon took 300 *l.* of a Lady for the Cure of her Sore Leg, which the next Spring afterwards turn'd out as bad as ever.

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This I had from a neighbouring Surgeon of *unquestioned Veracity*, who scorn'd to make any Reflections upon it. Add to this, that none of your *Practical Authors*, such as *Riverius*, *Sydenham*, *Willis* in *Physic*, and *Wiseman* in *Surgery*, have been ashamed to own a Relapse, and even Death it self.

After doing all in his Power to lessen, if not destroy, the Reputation of the *Pill and Drop* in the Cure (he allows from *vulgar Fame*) of the *Gout* and *Rheumatism*, the *Scurvy*, *Palsy*, *Lues Venerea*, *King's Evil*, and *Cancer it self*, he falls upon *Lord Chief Baron Reynold's Account* of the Cure of the *Paralytic Maid*, which I think he has treated with *uncommon Freedom*, if not *Impertinence*. Why should not the Case be of *my Lord's* compiling, because of the Insertion of the Terms *Emetic*, *Cathartic*, *Emmenagogue*, or any other *Technical Phrase* in *Physic*? since every *Gentleman of Education* is capable not only of *interpreting* such Words, but of *deriving* them too, which I know every Surgeon cannot do; especially where I see *Cacoethes* spell'd with an *o* *Diphthong*, and *Tension* repeatedly with *tion*. As to the former, many a Boy of Twelve can tell him, 'tis derived from *κακός* and *ἔθος*, *malus habitus*, consequently that one *Omicron* is superfluous: And that *Tension* is derived from the Supine of *tendo*, not *teneo*; therefore cannot be *Tention* justly. One would think that our *Author*, who seems so indifferently furnished for Writing, either as to *Orthography* or *Rhetoric*, must be wretchedly tortured with that scrubby *Distemper Juvenal* calls *Cacoethes scribendi*, or Itch of Writing. It is plain *Mr. Ward's Pill and Drop* have greatly aggravated this *Dyscracy* in him, which is all the Hurt it hath done in the World, that I know of.

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As to *Palsies* consequent to *Uterine Obstructions*, I have suggested before, that nothing is more common, especially to young Women, or when the Disorder is of any Duration. The Reasons are easy to be assigned, though not *proper* here. I again urge it, that considering the *Quantity* of Humours that must, in such a Space of Time, have been *greatly congested*, and the Accession of a fresh, and perhaps worse Congeries or Load of Medicines, administred in that Time, and probably, in such a State, few of them discharged; no wonder that *all the Vessels*, as well as the *Fibres*, should be much distended. Nothing therefore but a *Vomit*, and that a *smart one*, could free from such an *intolerable Burden* of *Distempers* and *Medicines* together; the discharging of the *latter* of which, in *my Opinion*, gives the *Pill* as much Merit as that of the *former*.

- P. 28. The carping at the Description of the Relaxation of the *Fibres* about the Eye-lids, is the mere *Cavil*, either of some *evil-minded Man*, or *some weak old Man*. For as the Design is to express that Affect, in as familiar and obvious Terms as possible, and that the introducing the System of the Nerves and the Sphincters, would rather have obscured than brightened the Incident: I am perswaded no accurate Physician would have incurred the Censure due to such a Conduct. Besides, here he actually destroys his own *wise Observation* upon the Terms before-mentioned, which he said, *denoted the Case's being drawn up by a Physician or an Apothecary*: And now he cavils at the Accuracy of the Description. Turn it which way you will, 'tis a mere *Cavil*: If the Baron wrote it, then it would be idle to expect that Exactness in the Mechanical Part of the Description, which he would from a Physician: If a
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Physician or an Apothecary wrote it, then he *destroys* the Force of his own Suggestion, by charging it with *Inaccuracy*. Whoever helped him to this *Cavil*, must be some *evil-minded Man*, or *loose-principled Person*, or *Debauchee*, one that can have no good Will to him, because he has brought him into a Snare. But if it was no such Person, then he must impute all to the *Infirmity of Old Age*. P. 28.

What further relates to this Case is down-right Gossiping; as, *If we go, we are not, I must acknowledge, nor will I question, hope no one, the Case-writer says*; and so leaves the Baron with the same good Manners he accosted him, by comparing a Case the Baron has been pleased to patronize, to one that had no manner of relation to it, namely, the Case of a Paralytic that began and ended in a Tragedy. A very civil Gentleman! P. 25.

I have now shewn the *Weakness* and *Insufficiency* of this Author's Scheme, for the *destroying* or *lessening* the Reputation of Mr. *Ward's Pill* and *Drop*. I should have observed the disingenuous Artifice contrived for the Advertisement and Title Page of his Pamphlet. In the former 'tis, Wherein the *Genuine Receipt* of both; in the latter, Wherein, *as there is great Reason* to believe, the *Genuine Receipt*. This Subterfuge is plainly chosen, both to make the Letter sell the better, and to shelter it from any just Prosecution, though he himself is actually spiriting up one upon Mr. *Ward*. *Degeneres animos timor arguit*. Virg. *Æn.* 4. But to return.

I have shewn, first the *Absurdity* of his Datum or Postulatum, wherein he would have it for granted, that the *Basis* of the *Pill* cannot be *Mercurial*, "because if it were, a sore Mouth, or Tongue, or some Degree of Spitting, must inevitably ensue." When the *Basis* of the more cer-

certain Composition that he pretends to give, in the Close of his Postscript is properly *Mercurial*.

I have also shewn, that a *Medicine* may have a *Mercurial Basis*, and yet seldom or never salivate; and a *Medicine* that, with a *Basis* purely *Antimoni- al*, may sometimes salivate. Thirdly, I have shewn that the Means he has made use of, to depreciate the Valuableness of the *Pill* and *Drop*, by putting them into Competition with *Russel's Powder*, have actually done them the greatest Honour, since that Powder, truly prepared, I am ready to prove, is a better Medicine by far, than any one in the whole Dispensatory, in the most obstinate and deplorable Cases. Fourthly, I have demonstrated that *Tartar*, of which he insinuates the *Pill* is compounded, is the most proper Corrector of any noxious or venomous Quality, either in Minerals or Vegetables. Fifthly, I have proved, that the five or six *Cautions* or *Objections* he offers against the *Pill*, are really no more an *Objection* to *that*, than to any *other* Emetic. And lastly, That his Treatment of the *Lord Chief Baron Reynold's* Account of a Cure, in so very impertinent and inconsistent a Manner, is so far from bringing the *Pill* into Disgrace, that it must greatly advance its Reputation with all disinterested, sensible Men.

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In the *Considerer's* Postscript are inserted some *Cases*, or rather *Indictments* against these Medicines, which he says are drawn up with much Judgment, and appear authentic; of which therefore he cannot be the Compiler, because no Man in his Senses, be he young or old, will praise himself; nor does he know the Author, it seems. However, I take the Liberty of saying, That if the Author's *Probity* in the drawing up these Cases, be no stronger than his *Judgment*, he's but an

indifferent Candidate, either for a *Gentleman's* or a *Physician's* Character. But as this is *coram Judice*, and I doubt not, but proper *Affidavits* or *Testimonials* will be produced in *Defense* of the Accused, I entirely leave it to the Proofs of the *Affirmative*, or *Negative*, or concurring Circumstances on either Side the Question.

Having spoken, as properly as I could, to the *Means* of depreciating or ruining the Character of the *Pill and Drop*, I shall say something to the *End* proposed by it. And these are plainly two.

First, To oblige the *Proprietor* of them to give the Secret of the Composition up to the *Author*, or some other Person or Persons in the *Author's* Interest. Or, Secondly, if he *refuses* to comply with this, to have him *prosecuted* for administering *Poisons*, and committing *Homicides* (as he calls them) either by the *College of Physicians*, or the *Supreme Power*. This, I believe, I shall prove from his own *Words*. And,

1. Notwithstanding his *Confidence* in the *Charity* of P. 1. others, that they will be so good as to believe, "that he has no Ends of his own to serve in this Undertaking," to hurt his Neighbour in his *Property*, yet if we trace him to p. 9, we shall plainly discover the *Cloven Foot*. To do him the utmost Justice in this Point, I will transcribe the Paragraphs from him *verbatim*.

"To avoid Accidents of this Nature, says he, P. 9. (that is, a Shock of the whole *Nervous System*) the honourable Mr. Boyle, who understood the *Chymical Pharmacy*, as well as the *Animal Structure*, much better, I dare say, than Mr. Ward pretends, yet being fearful of the least Injury that might arise by the trusting to his own Judgment, and tender of Life, when he had found out any Remedy, or had any such

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“ recommended to him, after preparing the same,
 “ gave it into the Hand of *some learned and expe-*
 “ *rienced Physician* of his Acquaintance, to make
 “ such Trials therewith, as might be done with
 “ Safety, and to report to him the Success; that
 “ if found safe and beneficial, they might en-
 “ courage it, or if any Ways detrimental, point
 “ out the Danger, or lay it wholly aside: Nor,
 “ as I have been told, would he suffer any one of
 “ those which go under the Name of his Re-
 “ cepts (of which a Collection has been publish-
 “ ed since his Death) to go abroad, till it had
 “ the Approbation of one or other of the Fa-
 “ culty, to recommend it.” Then he infers,
 “ If Mr. *Ward* had taken the same Method,
 “ he might doubtless have been the Author of
 “ much greater Good to his Country Men, by
 “ avoiding the Danger that will attend his Me-
 “ dicines, in this promiscuous Distribution of
 “ them to all Sorts and Conditions of the Peo-
 “ ple, under whatever Temperament, as well
 “ as Distemper.”

Thus have I given you these *labour'd Paragraphs*
 Word for Word, because I would by no means
 deface their native Beauty, which I would not
 designedly have done, had I abridg'd them.

How our *Considerer* came by this Information,
 calls for no Enquiry here. Though I had not
 the Honour (being then too young) of conver-
 sing with that truly great Christian and Philoso-
 pher, the *Honourable* ROBERT BOYLE, *Esq;* whose
 Name I have a true Veneration for, yet my Father
 enjoy'd it, in Intimacy, for many Years. By his
 means I have several of Mr. *Boyle's* Receipts,
 that never were printed; yet my Father was not
 of the *College*: Therefore it doth not seem to me
 probable, that he always, if ever, took this Me-
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thod. But a stronger Motive to question it is, that Mr. Boyle's Knowledge in *Chymical Pharmacy*, *Experimental Philosophy*, and the *Human Oeconomy*, was not only beyond Mr. Ward's, but equal, if not superior, to that of most of the *Faculty* in his Time: He laboured more incessantly than any of them in these Branches, which makes it highly *improbable*, that he should submit the Fruits of his Searches to the Discretion and Integrity of others. Add to this, That Mr. Boyle, through a Credulity common to Gentlemen of his Taste, took many Things upon Trust, without proving them, and so published, frequently, *erroneous Experiments*, which surely he would never have done, had he first committed them to the Scrutiny of some infallible *Faculty-Man*. To which I further add, that if it really had been so, as he had been told, his Example, who had a *noble Estate*, as well as *Soul*, and gave away his Receipts and Medicines therefore, is no Rule for one who has his Fortune to *make* by his *Secrets*.

Having thus stripp'd these Paragraphs of all their Plausibility and Authority, from the Example of Mr. Boyle, which, I say, a Man without a plentiful Fortune cannot be expected to copy, I can see nothing remaining in them, but a *Stimulus* to procure the Receipt to the *Considerer*, or some of his *Friends* of the *Faculty*. For my Part, I speak plainly, as I have in my Custody *Receipts*, that are no trifling ones, I should not chuse to leave them to any *single Person*, or any *Body of Men*, that would monopolize (though I have as great a Regard for the present *College of Physicians* as any Man) but to such an Institution as the Infirmary, lately erected at *Hide-Park Corner*, upon the Charity of *well-minded Persons*, where one might be morally certain, the Gift would answer the Intent of

the Donor. Well, but from Mr. *Boyle's* Example, Mr. *Ward* is advised to put his Secret into the Hands of some *learned* and *experienced Physician* of his Acquaintance. It must be the *Receipt*, for no *Regular Physician* will give a *Medicine* without knowing its *Composition*. Let but the *Considerer* get acquainted with Mr. *Ward*, and the Thing is done; he being both *learned* and *experienced*; or if he should not think so, then he can get the Approbation of one or other of the *Faculty*, if he will but part with the *Secret*; otherwise he must take what follows, which is the second End I propos'd to speak to; viz.

2. A *Prosecution* for administering *Poisons*, and committing *Homicides* upon his Majesty's liege Subjects, either from the *College of Physicians*, or from the supreme Power.

While Mr. *Ward* is under a Supposition of complying with the Expectation of his *learned Acquaintance*, he and his Medicine is treated in a gentle Manner. The Medicines are supposed only sometimes to shock the whole *nervous System*, sometimes to do as much good, as hurt at other times, and this favourably ascrib'd to the Distribution of them to *all* Sorts and Conditions of People, under whatever *Temperament* or *Distemper*. Not a Word of *Poisons* yet. P. 26. He begins to open the Persecution, like old Bishop *Bonner*, solemnly declaring to the World, " That it
" is nothing else but his tender Concern for the
" People's Welfare, and the same Humanity Mr.
" *Ward* mentions to my Lord Chief Baron, that
" puts him upon delivering these Cautions, and
" hopes he shall stand clear of any unreasonable
" Censures, &c." But p. 33. he absolutely calls the *Pill* a *Poison*. To justify which Piece of *Boldness*, he is for sending the Parish-Clerks about,

to make *strict Inquisition* after the Searchers, to see that they give true Reports of the *Fate* of all those who have taken the *Pill*. He thinks if this had been done, scarcely a Week had past, for these four Months behind, wherein there might not have been inserted among the Accidents, *Poisoned by the Drop and Pill*. Now will any Man think that I have treated this *Inquisitor* too roughly? If such an Enquiry were made among the old Women of all the Accidents, I won't say from *Poisons* only, that sent People into another World, I am afraid, neither the *Weekly Bills of Mortality*, nor the *Weekly Journals* would be able to contain them.

Upon taking it for *granted* therefore, that the *Pill* is a *Poison*, and that he has prov'd it, he thunders out this mad Menace; " You know very P. 34.

" well, that every Member of the College is
 " sworn to present what is justly denominated by
 " us, *mala Praxis*. But as the Gentlemen of the
 " Faculty care not to turn Informers, neither the
 " governing Part of the College, to take Cogni-
 " zance yet-awhile thereof; so possibly, the Go-
 " vernment it self may, in time, see Cause to en-
 " quire into an Affair of so great Moment, and
 " either wholly suppress the Distribution of these
 " *dangerous Drugs*, among the People, or take care
 " to see, that they are placed under a better Re-
 " gulation."

To this he subjoins an Account of a Lady, who has a *malign Impression* left upon her *Nerves* by the taking this *Poison*, as he expressly calls it, the more to enforce his Remonstrance.

While he thus rabidly provokes *Persecution*, he knows not what *Spirit* he is of. Were such an *arbitrary Inquisition* practised *through the Nation*, as he has madly projected, he would have much
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more Reason to complain of it, than *Ward's Pill*, namely, of the strange Ravage it would make among the *solid* as well as *fluid* Parts of the *Body Physical*: for no Man would be long sure of his Life or Liberty, whether he were a *Mount-a-Bank* or a *Mount-a-Chair*.

The *Present College of Physicians*, I have Reason to affirm, are too *considerate* to enter into any such *virulent* and *pernicious* Measures, as this *zealous old Man* proposes. I am old enough to remember a *Prosecution* of this Nature, that was spirited up and carried on by the *College*, thirty Years ago, or more, against *Dr. Groenwoelt*, who was *Newgated*, and try'd for his Life, on an Indictment of killing an old Woman, I think, with *Tincture of Cantharides*. He was honourably acquitted, and afterwards wrote a *learned Treatise* of the *Vertues* and *Uses* of *Cantharides*, in the *Latin* Tongue, in Defense of his Practice. But the Concern at his Usage, and his Loss of Reputation, shortened his Days. Yet the same Medicine, when come to be known, was used by them, and has been so ever since, and is now in the *Dispensatories*.

As to the Government's interposing in this Affair, I wonder with what Face he can expect their Inquiries. If he cannot make *Tools* of the *College* to execute his Wrath, he hopes he may of the *Government*; when all the World sees that they are averse to all Practices against the *Liberty* and *Property* of the Subject, that every one may enjoy themselves under their own Vine, and their own Fig-tree, safe and undisturb'd.

Before I conclude, I cannot forget the *merry Insinuation*, in the *Daily Courant*, against *Mr. Ward* and his *Medicines*, that Popery is at the Bottom. This is also to *stimulate* the *Government* against him.

him. But I doubt not but the *Government* laughs at them both alike for their *Malice* and *Stupidity*.

But enough of that. I assure you, and all the World, that I wrote this from no other *Motive* than doing an *injured Man* Justice. Many of my Acquaintance have taken his *Medicines*; not one of them have complained of the least Injury received, but most of them have loudly proclaimed the great Benefits they have found from the Medicines. And I further declare, That I never spoke to, never saw Mr. *Ward* as I know of, in my whole Life, and that he hath made no Application to me, either *directly* or *indirectly*, to say any thing on his Behalf. Let the *Considerer* therefore call me *evil-minded Man*, or *Snarler*, or *Debauchee*, or what he pleases, I regard it not; 'tis a *Persecution* that all who presume to differ with him in any *Point*, are to expect.

I am, Sir,

Your Hearty Friend,

January, 1,
1735.

And Humble Servant,

EDMUND PACKE.

POSTSCRIPT.

I Took no further Notice of the *Cases* drawn up so *judiciously*, as Dr. *Turner* declares in his Postscript, than to refer the Credit of them to the *Affidavits* that probably would be made and published, on the Affirmative and Negative Side of the Question, with their respective Circumstances.

As these *Affidavits* are inserted in the *Daily Journals* and *Advertisers*, of the 27th and 28th of December, 1734. every one is left to judge for himself. I shall therefore make no other Remarks on them, than the *Judgment* which the *Considerer* so much extols in the stating these *Cases*, and his remarkable Zeal in the Destruction of his Majesty's good Subjects.

A Specimen of the first may be seen in Case the 11th. The *Drawer up* says, *very judiciously*, that *Ann Eving*, Servant to Mr. *Burton*, had ONLY *scrophulous Tumours* on her Neck. Only *scrophulous Tumours*! Don't all the World know, that only ONE *scrophulous Tumour* on any Part of the Body, but more especially the Neck, is as difficult of Cure as any Distemper in the whole Catalogue, excepting the *Gout*? This *Miso-Quackus*, be he an *Apothecary*, or what he will, must from his own Appellative be a Self-hater; for none but a meer *Quack* could have stated a Case with so much *Judgment*.

One of the two Women he has kill'd in the Body of his Letter, I have seen alive and well with my own Eyes; and heard her express her Resentment of the *Old Gentleman's* Usage, in a manner that would torture his Ears even to Stupidity, would he stand it: But I hope I am too good-natured to wish him so terrible a Penance.

The next Thing is to note the *extraordinary Zeal* the *Considerer* has illustrated in the Destruction of the People.

He has numbered a Person among the Defunct, who is now living, and has lived many Years past within a Bow-shot of him. This must be a very extraordinary Zeal. It argues an uncommon Officiousness in detraactive Sport. 'Tis Malice super-erogatory; Satan's only can exceed it. If he had been touched with the least Degree of Remorse, could not he have prevented this Scandal, by an Information so very easy, as that from a Neighbour. But he seems to disclaim, by such Practices, any such Relation to Mankind. Where now is the *Profligate*? Where now the well-grounded Peace he boasts of?

And this is the Man who is to direct the College of Physicians; and (if they would indulge him) the Government, to the Prosecution of his Adversary. Vain Man! Don't we all know, that none but biggotted Princes have been Tools of mad Zealots, in the Execution of their Diabolical Schemes. 'Tis nothing but the steady Adherence of the present Royal Family, to the truly noble Principles of Humanity, that restrains such infernal Spirits, from turning this happy Island into a Field of Blood, and a Scene of Torture. But I hope by this Time he has repented of his Conduct.

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For notwithstanding, in his Defence upon his Neighbour, Mrs. *Maxwell's* Case, he charges Mr. *Ward* with *Disingenuity*, I think he has still more aggravated his *own* Disingenuity, till he has got over the Circumstance of the cutting the Breast off, which seems to be very strong against him, as well as the Persons concerned in the several Charges drawn up against the *Pill*, all, to a Woman, being against him. What a terrible Thing it is to be an *old Man* !

I have very lately visited Mr. *Ward's* Infirmary *thrice*, and have seen such a Number of *poor Objects* wonderfully relieved in the most desperate Circumstances, such as being *born* blind and deaf, that I still more detest the vile Design of disgracing him to Mankind. His treating and restoring the *Afflicted* and *Distressed* is God-like, and deserves the greatest Attention, as well as Emulation, from all Men of Opportunity and Ability. The *College of Physicians* could not make a better Use of their Power, than to encourage the dispensing of such extraordinary Medicines, especially to the *Poor*. This would greatly redound to their Honour ; and above all, to the Glory of that immense Being, who hath created all Medicinal Subjects, and given Wisdom and Understanding to Men, to discover and apply them to the easing the Miseries of diseased Mortals, introduced into human Nature by Sin and Disobedience.

This Regard to the Necessities of the Poor is best evidenced, by administering Help to them *freely* and *cheerfully* for CHRIST's Sake, who hath said, *The Poor ye shall always have with you*, thereby intimating the *Object* and *Duty* of constant Charity.

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Nor is the giving of Medicines to the *Sick* and *Indigent* without its present Advantages to an honest and industrious Physician; for besides the Promises of Remuneration that are entail'd upon Charity in general, a Physician that treateth the *Poor freely*, may have the Opportunity of observing great Variety of Diseases, as well *external* as *internal*, as also the Power and Efficacy of his Remedies, beyond what he can in other People, who are able to pay; few of these being to be obliged to that Order and Constancy in taking Medicines, which the others, by reason of their *Poverty*, more easily comply with. This, by Experience, I know to be true; having cured some indigent Persons of great Diseases, which I should hardly have ever been able to effect, in many that have Plenty of all Things, for the aforesaid Reason.

I do not by all this intend, that such Remedies as are *venenous*, *violent*, or *uncertain* in their Qualifications, should be given to the *poorest* Man or Woman, merely for a Tryal of Skill; for *Ludere cum corio humano*, I abhor. My Meaning is thus: A Physician may have many Medicines, which by the *Philosophic Rules* and Intentions, followed in the *Modus preparandi*, and founded upon Nature, he knows to be free from any poisonous or noxious Quality, and to be more or less depurated and advanced towards Perfection, and yet may and *must* be ignorant of their *Power* and *Efficacy* in curing Diseases, without frequent Administration, and diligent Observation. As for Instance: A Medicine of *Antimony* may have a *true* and *natural* Preparation, insomuch that it may *effectually* cure a *Fever*, *Pleurisy*, *Peripneumony*, and other *acute* Distempers, and yet not have Power sufficient to cure a *Scurvy*, *Dropsy*, or any other *Chronic*

nic Disease. Yet the *same* Preparation, by Help of Art, may be so far *advanced*, as happily to cure both *Dropsy* and *Scurvy*: And when it is come so far, it may not be able to cure the *Palsy*, *Epilepsy*, or *Apoplexy*; yet by an Artift of high Attainment in the *Hermetic Learning*, it may also be further *prepared* and *improved* to *that* Power and Efficacy.

Now it is only the *Degrees* of Power and Virtue, in which Medicines of a *universal* Tendency are stated, that, I say, may best be experienced by their Administration to the Poor, not denying but proper *Specifics* may also be used with them, which the Physician will find to be much more effectual, than when administered *alone*; for *alone* (the Disease being mistaken) Injury may be done by *Specifics*. But when under the Government of *Universals*, they are more *quick* or *effectual* in the curing those *Diseases*, or *strengthening* those Parts of the Body for which they are *Specifics*. Under *such* Direction therefore, they can do no Injury, although the Physician should err in the Knowledge of the Nature or Seat of the Disease. How *Universals* are to be *specificated*, to what Disease or Part of the Body the *Physician* pleaseth, is, or ought to be, the chief Study of every *Physician*, who has truly at Heart the Welfare of Mankind. This is what I thought proper to add to the Premises, that I might in some Measure deliver Persons of contracted Abilities from their *Prejudices*, which either their *Education* or the *Imposition* of *designing Men* have enslaved them to. And nothing that I have offered is a Transcript from Books, or borrowed from the Processes of *Chymical Authors*, who too frequently write, one after another, those Things which they have *never seen* or *done*, whereby the World is fill'd with *false Receipts*, to the
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